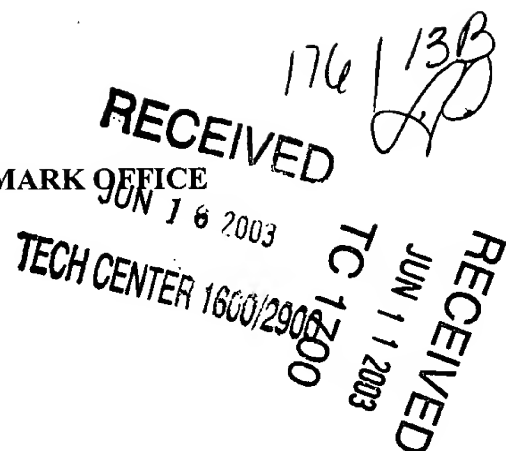




IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Lang, et al.
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003 please consider the following amendment to the claims in the instant application. Claims 4, 14, 15 and 17-39 are cancelled. Claims 42-55 are new. After amendment, claims 1-3, 5-13, 16 and 40-55 are pending in the present application. The amendments to the claims are presented below.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 4, 14, 15 and 17-39 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A food additive, said food additive ~~derived from including~~ comprising fibre extracts from two or more types of fruit or vegetables, the fibre extracts having had a majority of water soluble solids removed therefrom, wherein a first of the two or more types of fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of citrus, tomato, carrot, mango, papaya, banana, pineapple, kiwi fruit, spinach and a second of the two or more types of fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of melon, grape, apple and cranberry.

2. A food additive according to claim 1 wherein greater than 90% of soluble solids are removed.

3. A food additive according to claim 2 wherein from between 93 to 99% of soluble solids are removed.